

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of Brenner *et al.* Docket No.: TI-30637
Art Unit: TBD
Appln. No.: TBD Examiner: TBD
Filed: Herewith
For: Separating Wafers Coated with Plastic Films

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

December 26, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before examination or calculation of fees, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph at page 1, before line 1:

This application claims priority under 35 USC § 119(e)(1) of provisional application number 60/259,032 filed 12/29/00.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address.

Respectfully submitted,



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The following paragraph has been inserted at page 1, before line 1:

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